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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004 requiring an election, Applicant hereby provide an election. The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following two groups:

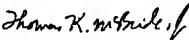
Group I, claims 1-16, drawn to a process, and

Group II, claims 17-31, drawn to a catalyst.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I containing claims 1-16 drawn to a process. The non-elected claims of Group II containing claims 17-31 drawn to a catalyst are hereby canceled.

Applicants reserve the right to file additional applications directed to the non-elected claims. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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